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SUBJECT: NIGERIAN TRAINING IN US

REF: STATE 9834

1; FEDERAL AND STATE OFFICIALS HAVE FREQUENTLY COMPLAINED TO EMBASSY OFFICERS OF A MANPOWER DEFICIT, PRIMARILY IN TECHNICIANS AND SECONDLY IN CAPABLE MANAGERS. THERE APPEARS TO BE, HOWEVER, NO CLEAR OR COORDINATED PLAN ON HOW TO RESOLVE SITUATION. EMBASSY HAS NOT YET RECEIVED WRITTEN OR VERBAL PROJECTIONS OF MANPOWER REQUIREMENTS FROM ANY NIGERIAN GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION. WE WILL FOLLOW UP WITH MANPOWER BOARD, MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND OTHER PERTINENT AGENCIES TO TRY PIN DOWN ANY NEW MANPOWER ASSESSMENTS AND PLANS.

2. EXAMPLES OF TRAINING ACTIVITIES SPAN WUDE SPECTRUM. IN DISCUSSIONS WITH FEDERAL MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC PLANNING WE LEARNED THAT MINISTRY ANNUALLY SENDS 8-10 OFFICERS EACH YEAR FOR MASTERS DEGREE PROGRAM (1 YEAR OR MORE) AND EQUIVALENT NUMBERS TO BRIEFER COURSE (2-3 MONTHS) AT INSTITUTIONS SUCH AS IBRD DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE. NIGERIAN UNIVERSITY COMMISSION, ON OTHER HAND, PLANS TO BRING IN 1500 FOREIGN TEACHERS TO INSTRUCT AT NIGERIAN UNIVERSITIES WPILE SENDING 3000 NIGERIAAC GRADUATE STUDENTS TO US.

3. AT CLOSE OF REFERENCED DECEMBER 14 DINNER POL COUNSELOR BRUCE

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ADVISED EDREMODA TO CHECK WITH ECON COUNSELOR CAHILL ON POSSIBILITIES FOR TECHNICAL COOPERATION INCLUDING MANPOWER TRAINING. CAHILL HAS SINCE CALLED EDREMODA SEVERAL TIMES ON THIS SUBJECT TO ARRANGE MEETING, BUT EDREMODA HAS DEFERRED BY STATING IT NECESSARY TO HAVE MEA ECON DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR AFOLABI PRESENT. IT WOULD APPEAR THAT LATTER MAY REGARD EDREMODA'S EARLY INITIATIVE AS ENCROACHING ON HIS OWN TERRITORY AND HAS THUS

REFUSED TO COOPERATE WITH EDREMODA.

4. ADVISE AGAINST INVOLVEMENT OF WASHINGTON AGENCIES UNTIL WE CAN MORE FULLY PROBE CURRENT NIGERIAN ATTITUDES. OUR OVERALL, GENERAL IMPRESSION IS A GROWING INTEREST IN US TRAINING FOR NIGERIAN MANPOWER ON THE PART OF FMG AND INDIVIDUALS; BUT WE HAVE NOT SEEN AN OVERALL PLAN OR IMPLIED POSICY ON THIS POINT. WILL ADVISE FURTHER WHEN MORE DATE IS DEVELOPED.
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